

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2038 - HB 2055

March 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health to appoint a child nutrition and wellness advisory council with the assistance of the Tennessee Healthy Weight Network. Authorizes the Commissioner to determine the number of council members, appoint a chairperson, and establish the council's operating procedures. Requires the council to advocate for child wellness and nutrition, develop nutrition and physical activity standards for children, gather pertinent data, and develop strategies for long-term child nutrition and wellness in various public and private settings. Creates an office of child nutrition and wellness to assist the council and commissioner to be operated within the Department of Health's existing resources.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

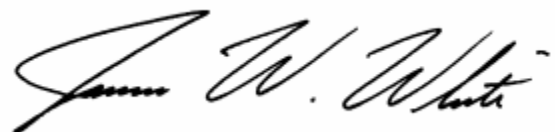
Other Fiscal Impact – The Department of Health would incur expenditures of \$150,000 in the first year to establish and operate the Office of Child Nutrition and Wellness. The bill requires such expenditures to be covered by existing resources within the Department which will necessitate redirecting existing funds from other programs.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would need one Nutritionist 4 and one ASA 3 position to develop nutritional and physical activity standards, to advise the council on community surveys and other data collection methods, and to assist the Commissioner in formulating long-term strategies and developing educational programs, forums and initiatives to promote child nutrition and wellness in community settings. Salaries, benefits, and professional services estimated at \$92,100.
- The advisory council will not be compensated for meetings but will get reimbursed for travel expenses which are estimated at \$5,000.
- There would be a \$50,000 one time cost for systems upgrade and improvements for relevant data collection and recurring costs to OIR of \$5000 for maintenance.
- The Department would have to cover the costs of this bill by redirecting dollars from existing budgets, but the department would have to cut programs in order to redirect existing funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director